

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claim 32 for claim 32 now pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation comprising

combining a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups,

with lansoprazole

and a sugar in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight

to obtain a solid preparation;

wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for improving fast disintegrability of a solid preparation of lansoprazole comprising

adding low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups to lansoprazole to obtain an improved solid preparation;

adding sugar in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight;

wherein said improved solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 40 seconds.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 35 seconds.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said sugar is a sugar alcohol.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said sugar is mannitol or erythritol.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 40 seconds.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 35 seconds.

30. (Previously Presented) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:
fine granules containing lansoprazole,
said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core;
a sugar in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight; and
a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;
wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness.

31. (Previously Presented) The tablet of claim 30 wherein said fine granules are enteric-coated fine granules.

32. (Currently Amended) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:

fine granules containing lansoprazole,

said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core;

a sugar **in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight**; and

a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;

wherein said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose is separate from said fine granules in said tablet;

wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness.